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Food had been the most important crop for the early settlers, and as they established gardens and cultivated fields they also introduced stock raising into the valley. Because of the heavy snows that fell during the winters, there were numerous mountain streams and springs and an abundance of meadow-lands. Some wondered if the summer season would be long enough to make stock raising a sound economic possibility, but others reasoned that they could never know until they tried it, so several people brought small flocks of sheep and cattle into the valley in 1860.

President Brigham Young called John M. Murdoch, a shepherd from Scotland and a convert to the Church, to supervise a herd of sheep for the Church. However, by the time he arrived in Utah the sheep had been sold, so Mr. Murdoch came to Heber in 1860 and pioneered co-operative herding. Those who had sheep banded them together in the co-op herd and Mr. Murdoch took charge of them on range-lands in the summer and on southern ranches in the winter. The venture proved very successful, and families who before had been unable to care for sheep now found it possible to own a herd. As people developed their own individual herds, however, the co-op idea soon dwindled. Some of the first sheep owners were the Jacob brothers, Lindsay brothers, Murdocks, Clydes, Clotworthy, Coleman, Austin, Smith, Jessop Thomas and the Fitzgeralds.

The sheep industry grew substantially over the years, and at one time there were more milk fed lambs shipped out of Heber than from any other point in the United States.

The cattle industry grew also, supplying at first the needs of those in the valley and eventually providing beef and other meat products for shipment to Denver and many eastern cities. Some of the major owners of cattle included A. M. Murdock, J. W. Clyde, John Carroll, William Averett and sons, John Witt and sons, the Carliles, Giles, Cummings and Abram Hatch and Sons.

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Harold Stevens, formerly a city councilman, was elected to serve as mayor beginning in 1938 and completed two terms, serving through 1941. City councilmen during the first term included Athel B. Fitzgerald, Owen F. Buell, Nephi Moulton, Andrew A. Lindsay and Douglas Giles. Officers of the city during Mayor Stevens' second term of 1940-41, were Nephi Moulton, Owen F. Buell, Charles C. Bronson and Douglas Giles, councilmen and Isabell A. Lewis, treasurer.

Mayor Stevens directed the installation of sewer lines in the north part of Heber, purchased an attractive two-acre addition to the cemetery, installed water lines at the cemetery, built a grandstand at the city park, constructed a baseball diamond, worked on main street improvements, and also purchased the balance of Broadhead Spring for culinary purposes.

In November, 1941, Ralph Giles won the mayorality election, and by the time he took office in 1942 the nation had been plunged into World War II. Materials became very scarce and manpower left at home was even more scarce.

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Faced with wartime shortages, Mayor Giles and the council were able to do only limited public works projects. Most of Heber's roads were gravel coated, and the water system at the cemetery was enlarged. In addition, the city's culinary water system was improved and pressure boosting pumps were added. Also, a new water main was trenched and installed from Broadhead Spring to the Mill Street storage tank at a cost of $20,000.

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Joseph Hylton became mayor in 1946, and had as city officers Allen Curry, Fred G. Carlile, Joseph Olpin, Harold H. Smith and Walter Harrison, councilmen; Venice H. Watson, treasurer; Everett Murdock and E. Warren Jones, city marshals.

During his administration, Mayor Hylton began plans for a new power plant in Snake Creek Canyon. Equipment for the plant was ordered and the construction work started while he was mayor. Plans were also approved for the city airport and the joint City-County Memorial Building. Zoning ordinances for the city were also effected by Mayor Hylton.

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